

Remarks

Claims 1, 8 and 14 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,236,652 (the parent case). A Terminal Disclaimer, signed on behalf of the owner of 100 percent interest in the instant application is submitted herewith. The Terminal Disclaimer is believed to obviate the rejection, and therefore these claims should now be allowed.

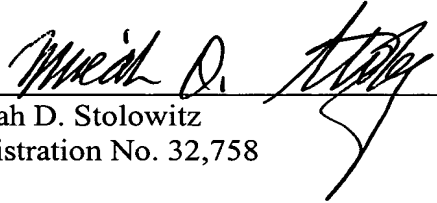
Claims 2-7, 9-13 and 15-17 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In view of the above, these claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is welcome and encouraged to telephone the undersigned if any issues remain. He can be reached generally from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. **PDT**, Monday-Friday, at **503-294-9189**.

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